



# A MUSICAL 20 YEARS



**BACK IN THE WINTER OF 2002**, Karen and I were directing and choregraphing a show in Naples when an individual from the Community School of Naples approached me about creating a theatre program for their high school. We loved Naples, but were also very happy in New York City, where we had active careers on and off Broadway. Plus, we had a five-month-old son.

We thought long and hard about it and went back to the Community School with a counterproposal. I would create a theatre program for them, and hold a faculty position, AND the Community School would allow us to start a professional Equity theatre company that would be in residence in their campus' theatre. To our delight, the Community School agreed.

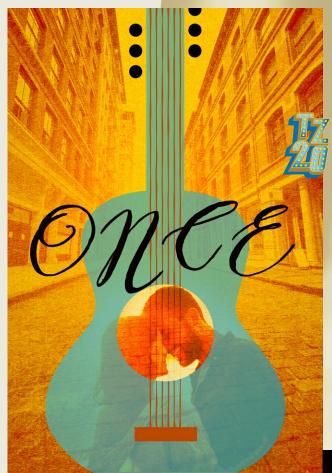
Our first task was securing a contract with the Actors' Equity Association to ensure access to the best actors, singers, dancers, musicians, and stage management professionals from throughout the country. Then, another major milestone was establishing TheatreZone as a nonprofit 501(c)3 theatre in 2005. Once this part of the company's foundation was secured, we were now able to accept tax deductible donations to help with production costs, staffing and keeping our ticket prices affordable.

As musical theatre is our passion, we searched for the hidden treasures of Broadway and have been producing these award-winning gems for the past 20 years for our faithful audiences to enjoy. We realize that turning 20 is a huge accomplishment, but it is also a time for reflection of the road that led us here, and a look at where we stand today. As musical theatre is our passion, we searched for the HIDDEN TREASURES OF BROADWAY and have been producing these award-winning gems FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS for our faithful audiences to enjoy.

As we look ahead, we are filled with optimism and gratitude for all of you, our loyal patrons, donors and sponsors, who have ensured that TheatreZone is healthier and more vibrant than ever. Our aim has always been to be there when you need some entertainment in your lives, to impart a sense of wonder and magic, or even provide an escape from this sometimes chaotic world. We like to think we're who you come home to, and as we look ahead to our 20th season, we hope you'll continue to join us for excitement and joy as we gather together in the theatre, our humble home.

With pride and gratitude, MARK DANNI FOUNDER, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR THEATREZONE





### **DANCE** January 9-19, 2025 7:30 p.m. January 9-12 and 16-19 2 p.m. January 11-12 and 18-19

Once, the Tony Award-winning Best Musical of 2012, tells a story of passion for music, heartbreak, intimacies, and wonder about the future. The plot follows the relationship between friends who develop feelings for one another and make decisions of the heart that will keep the audience guessing about happy endings.

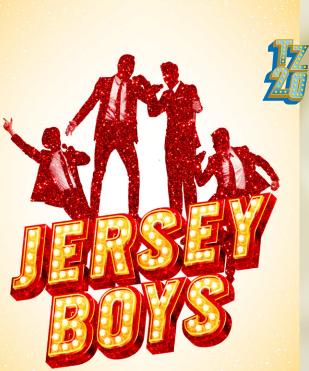


### 7:30 p.m. February 6-8 and 13-16 2 p.m. February 8-9 and 15-16

Kander & Ebb's *The Rink* made its Broadway debut in 1984 and was nominated for five Tony Awards. A failing skating rink on a decaying boardwalk is the setting for the relationship between an estranged mother and daughter. *The Rink* is one of ten Kander & Ebb collaborations, whose credits include *Cabaret*, *Chicago, Kiss of the Spider Woman*, and many more.

The Rink will be presented with the help and blessing of John Kander, who helped grant the righ<mark>ts fo</mark>r this TheatreZone production.





## **JERSEY BOYS** March 6-16, 2025 7:30 p.m. March 6-9 and 13-16 2 p.m. March 8-9 and 13-16

Jersey Boys, the 2006 Tony Award-winning Best Musical, was a blow-out success dramatizing the formation, success, and breakup of the 1960s group, The Four Seasons. The musical is a highenergy, innovative musical that takes audiences behind the scenes of the group and its music in a classic rags-to-riches — and back to rags — story.



Ghost: The Musical is an adaptation of the 1990 Academy Award-winning hit film. Sam and Molly's connection takes a shocking turn when Sam is killed in a mugging. Unwilling and unable to leave Molly, he hovers between two worlds. Ghost is a touching love story about a connection that even death cannot sever.



#### THE MUSICAL

# HOME for the HOLIDAYS 7:30 p.m. December 20 and 21 2 p.m. December 21 and 22

TheatreZone's original musical extravaganza, Home for the Holidays, is a Southwest Florida tradition celebrating its eighth annual production. Home for the Holidays creator Mark Danni reimagines the show every year to enchant audiences with new music and festive costumes and scenery. The energetic dance routines accompanied by a live orchestra leaves audiences filled with joy after every performance.

**THE MERSEY BEATLES** February 18, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. February 19, 7:30 p.m.

Direct from Liverpool, England - *The Mersey Beatles* are coming back to Theatrezone with another brand new show in February 2025. To celebrate 60 years of The Beatles' triumphant Shea Stadium concert, the lads will recreate the setlist of this incredible show (their first ever stadium concert!) with the same witty banter, costumes and instruments as those original four lads from Liverpool.



Concerts



**RETURN TO SHEA STADIUM!** Celebrating 60 years of the famous concert

The Mersey Beatles

Plus a set full of FAB Beatle hits!



The Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artists Experience



# **MEMORIES of ELVIS** February 20, 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Memories of Elvis is an electrifying show of not one, but three incredible Elvis tribute artists performing his timeless hits with reverence while looking and acting the part. Accompanied by a full band, Memories of Elvis will have audiences singing along or shedding a tear in remembrance of one of America's greatest artists.



Your support of TheatreZone enables us to present Broadway-quality productions, with the talents of worldclass performers, to our audiences. We are privileged to enjoy the longevity of 20 years, becoming Naples' premier musical theatre company.

Please join our family of donors and enjoy the many benefits we are proud to offer at every level. We are deeply grateful for every donation, and look forward to seeing you at our shows!

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The G&L Theatre on the Community School of Naples campus

TheatreZone is Naples' premier professional musical theatre company. Its musical productions are staged in the intimate 250-seat G&L Theatre conveniently located in Naples at 13275 Livingston Road, between Pine Ridge and Vanderbilt Beach Roads, in a dedicated building nestled within the campus of the Community School of Naples.

TheatreZone's contract with the Actors' Equity Association ensures access to the best actors, singers, dancers, musicians, and stage management professionals from throughout the country. The nonprofit, 501(c)(3) was established in 2005 by Mark Danni and Karen Molnar Danni, who have both enjoyed successful careers on Broadway and off-Broadway.

For the lineup of shows and concerts, and to book tickets, visit www.Theatre.Zone or call the box office at



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